

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Roberte Makowski on 10/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 19 was cancelled.

Claim 4 was replaced by the following:

-- 4. The process according to claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the melting range of the polyolefin is from a temperature of 100 °C to and including 200 °C. --

Claim 7 was replaced by the following:

-- 7. The process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to and including 1000 nm. --

Claim 18 was replaced by the following:

--18. A method of producing an animal feed or a component in an animal diet comprising combining the granulate of claim 13 with animal feed or providing the granulate as a component in an animal diet. --

Claims 22-24 were replaced by the following:

- 22. The process according to claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the melting range of the polyolefin is from a temperature of 120 to and including 180 °C.
- 23. The process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to and including 500 nm.
- 24. The process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to and including 200 nm. --

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 7/3/08 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Application No. 10/500,967 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN HANLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-2508. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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